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Dear Tim:

Still hoping to come up but can't figure it till I settle other things--leaving arrangements, filing all papers etc/ . Glad Burroughs will be back at Harvard.

its hard trying to turn off faucet of correspondence.

Yesterday at Living Theater I heard that Robert Lowell flipped again last weekend--molesting girls on street or something--now in hospital--according to gossip relayed thru Eric Russel Bentley who lives in Cambridge in Lowell's place. Lowell may have been hospitalized in Cambridge. And here I was smugly thinking he'd never have to "flip" again.

I'll try phoning

Mrs Lowell any day soon maybe.

The FCC complained to John Crosby about my TV speech and after network pressure Crosby let them play a 7 minute rebuttel last weekend, lots of crap.

I also hear Paul Goodman and N Podhoretz are forming some kind of Committee for Intelligent Action which has as program various things such as sex freedom and drug freedom. A young girl approached me & transmitted a suggestion from Goodman that I go to jail in passive resistance action on marijuana. Sounds like a good deal, actually. I told her I was going to Greece tho so couldn't. They're having a meeting tonite at Debs Hall--just like the '20's.

The Times refused to run a series on Fed Narco Bureau but Harrison Salisbury is now lobbying to find why; and they did agree to run the Lindesmith-Ploscowe report in summary when it does come out and various Chicago & SF papers are now interested too.

I think the people at Living Theater & Goodman & others soon will prepare some sort of "Intellectual's Petition" to free pot from prohibition.

I'll write Spiegel. Rev John Snow of Gould Farm asked for your address, says he been reading up on subject & now wants to try LSD or mushrooms. I'll send it to him.

Looks like your own area is very sunny & I think it will remain so.

La Barre is lovely guy, hope you meet him somewhere. Jack moved his mama to Florida, so's out of town.

Harry Smith & Phipps are negotiating & I've now dropped out since they seem to be able to handle it all ~~xxx~~ between them OK. Haven't heard results. Lafcadio is taking DANCING lessons--great--twice a week--turns out pretty graceful and light on his feet.

I'm reading Wilhelm Reich and I think he's really great. You ever pick up on him?

to translate in yr terms, says the formation of abstractions sets in after crippling of THE primary non abstract body function, genital communication--

the "genital embrace" being total annihilation of individual ion and formation of a new third being of two separate identities-- if the individual is blocked from experience of that Communism all other reactions (& mental life) be screwed up, & he describes thus the origin of the worldwide "emotional plague." stocks all his previously banned books--see The Murder of Christ.

OK--as ever--Allen

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Dear Tim:

Lovely to get yr. note & you do bounce back to adventure so enthusiastically, it's a pleasure. ----I spoke to Rossett several times on the phone he's alright & friendly, I spoke to Ann his ~~girl~~ girl on phone for half an hour so, she's in one piece and fine, so no worry there. Tried to see them but everybody too busy Xmas etc.

Next, I spoke 2 nites ago to Dizzy Gillespie & Thelonious Monk who are interested. Can you send them each a short note inviting them to call you when they get to Boston in next months?

Dizzy Gillespie
Ass. Booking Corp.
745 5th Avenue
New York City.

Gillespie says he gets to Boston often and he could call you & come over for an evening and would I think. Boy I'd like to be there for that one. But I'll probably be away. He'll be Santa Claus like ~~xxx~~ Olson I think.

Thelonious Monk gets away from NY rarely & may not be able to make Boston but do send him a note anyway so he sees the set up and maybe we or you can catch him later in the Winter in NYC if there's time.

Thelonious Monk
243 W 63 St
Apartment 20
New York City.

Monk is a big child who would be delighted to get a friendly letter from a Harvard Professor, asking him if he wants to turn on. He's also a rare great deep buddhic man, I'm told. I spent nite talking with him last monday and he was extraordinarily sweet tho he don't say much, ever. He did say God is dog spelt backward.

If you can get them on, you have the acknowledged Princes of Jazz at yr side.

I sent Mailer a postcard w yr address. Kerouac wants me to bring him some in L.I. I gave the mescaline to Robert Frank (the photographer on our movie) and Miles Forst, a painter.

I'm leaving for Cuba with Peter & Leroi Jones on Jan 2 and be back in 2 weeks after that I think--free trip sponsored by Cuba. Also received a check for \$1000 in mail from an anonymous foundation donor, don't know who. Enclosed find check for \$40 to cover phonecall to Kerouac & a little on our excessive expenses to Boston. I'd send more to further yr project but I'm trying to keep the main body of the loot together for India. If you can send me anything to bring to Cuba--Cycloxybin or Mescaline-- I could turn on the poet ~~Nicholas~~ Guillen & maybe Castro, maybe not.

Not seen Lowell--I received proofs of my book and must work on them this week so I'm occupied--plus a mess of letters to answer & I'm doing that now. Great you got approval on seminar YES SEND Barney a little follow up note, asking for comments on the experience I guess. Make him feel good & followed up on. Strangely, I think he's publishing the Kerouac Book he put down over supper table ~~xxx~~ the other nite. Change of heart of some ~~kt~~ kind. Jesus I hope all this keeps going.

Love,
Allen

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